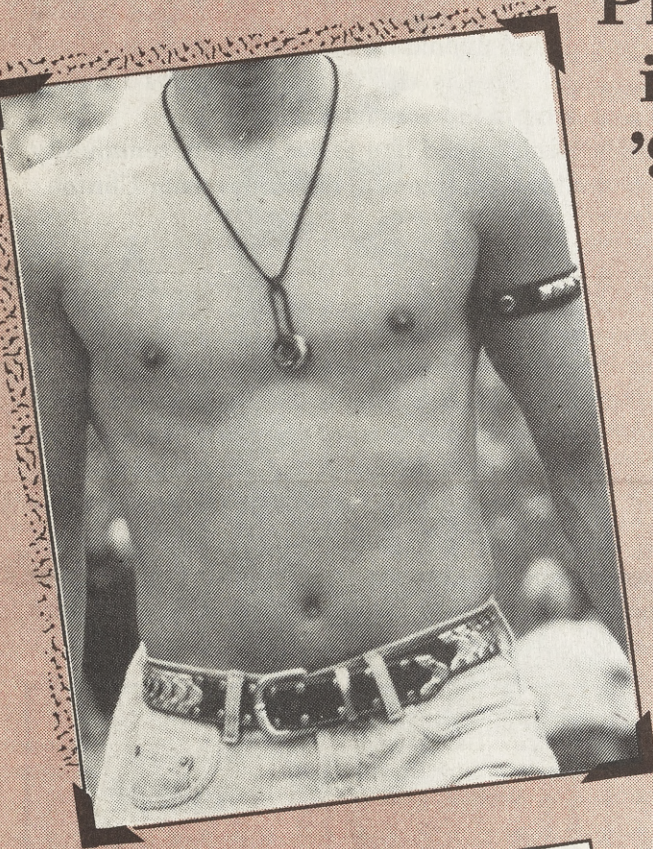


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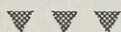
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On the cover: Images of pride, celebration, and honor from the San Francisco Gay & Lesbian Freedom Day Parade. Photos by Martin Casey & Justin.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Bush's temporary suspension of his "gag rule" during the campaign clearly reveals that he is unprincipled. This is a desperate attempt by Bush and the right-wingers to attract votes. I am quite sure that he will reinstate this ridiculous rule if he is re-elected.

Contrary to the (Reagan/Bush appointed) Supreme Court rulings, I believe that the "gag rule" violates constitutional freedom of speech.

Unlike Bush and some of his aides, associates and right-wing supporters, Bill Clinton does believe in obeying and upholding our constitution and laws of the land. This is one of many reasons I avidly support and plan to vote for Clinton.

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PATLAR's July issue incorrectly spelled Sacramento Leather Daddy's Boy Mark Partal's last name. PATLAR regrets any confusion this may have caused.



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Hate-Free Oregon

PATLAR is not in the habit of endorsing or advocating a particular political candidate or agenda. I do not see our role as that of a patriarch, sternly lecturing our children on how to think or vote. Rather, I see PATLAR as a "safe space," a forum in which our writers are free to express their own views without fear of editorial "adjustment".

Nevertheless, we have, over the years, heartily endorsed several causes which have been consistent with our goals of sharing information and bridging communities across America. The National March on Washington in 1987 (and the upcoming March in April, 1993), the National Coming Out Day campaign, and such creative, sex-positive approaches to AIDS care as the Valentine's Erotica Ball this past February are examples.

We have also tried to alert our readers to fundamental threats to their rights and liberties, such as the LaRouche initiatives in California. It is in this spirit that I urge all of PATLAR's readers to respond to the destructive threat posed by several state initiatives this fall across the nation which would, in effect, destroy our standing as citizens of this nation. As Oregon is the most precariously positioned, I will deal primarily with its situation.

In Oregon, the Oregon Citizens Alliance (OCA), a far-right group, has succeeded in getting the populace of one town, Springfield, to bar the city from protecting gays from discrimination. Happily, an identical measure failed in Corvallis. However, the OCA has now put a constitutional amendment on the Oregon ballot that would go even further. It would prohibit the state, counties, and cities of Oregon from even recognizing such phrases as "sexual orientation" or "sexual preference"- PERIOD! All anti-discrimination ordinances would be wiped out.

Government at any level would be prohibited from "promoting" or "facilitating" homosexuality in any way - no public monies, no public properties, no permits, no licensing. That means NO PARADES, NO RALLIES, NO BARS OR BUSINESSES which are determined by THE STATE to promote or facilitate homosexuality. Even such private groups as the Oregon Bar Association and the Ecumenical Min-

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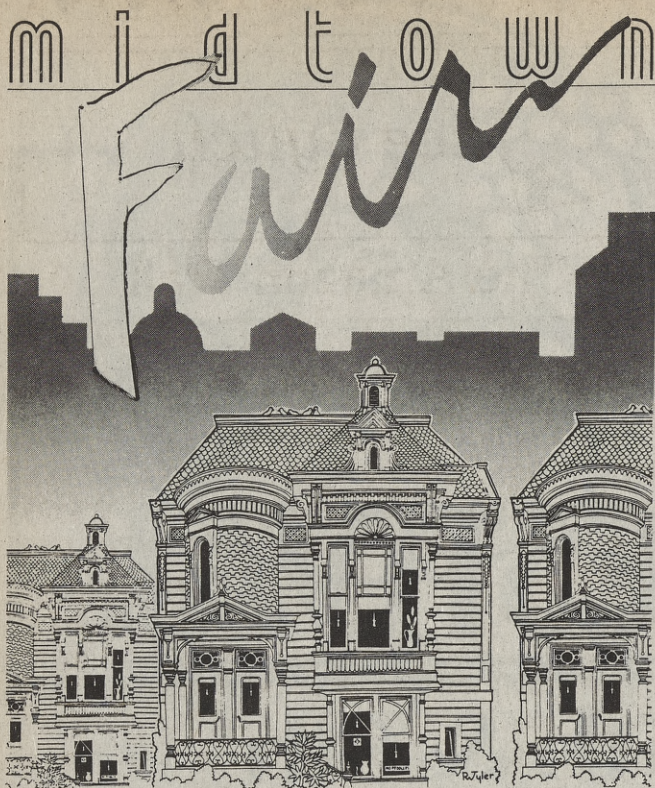
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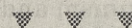
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istries of Oregon, which have supported gay rights, would be likewise barred from state support. Any gay or lesbian physicians, psychiatrists, lawyers, hairdressers, etc., would have their licenses REVOKED!

Public Schools, along with ALL OTHER STATE AGENCIES, will be required to teach that "homosexuality, pedophilia, sadism, and masochism (are) abnormal, wrong, unnatural, and perverse, and that these behaviors are to be discouraged and avoided." A gay or lesbian youth who seeks counseling in high school will be required BY LAW to hear that they are abnormal and perverse! Any textbook or literature used in public colleges and universities will be banned if it does not discourage homosexuality - that includes all medical and psychology texts! Of course, all public libraries would have to remove any "pro-gay" titles. But ALL state agencies are required to play an active role in discouraging homosexuality - imagine your state highway department or sewage treatment agency spending tax dollars to "discourage homosexuality"!

These measures reach even to the most deeply closeted. Do you think your sexuality is no one else's business? The OCA sure doesn't. Their measure, in effect, would require "outing" investigations by dozens of state agencies to fulfill the mandate of the initiative. It denies ALL OF US any opportunity for social, sexual, economic, or political expression.

Are you scared yet? Better still, are you FURIOUS? I hope so! There's a lot you can do with that angry energy. You can help turn back the hatred and bigotry. In Oregon, as in Colorado and elsewhere, people are educating, building coalitions, and fighting back. Mel Dahl, in our FORUM, offers additional ideas for defeating the hate-mongers. Make no mistake; the OCA is well financed and represents a political agenda that includes similar potential measures in Idaho, Utah, Washington, and eventually California. One key way you can help out right now is to support the Campaign for a Hate-Free Oregon. They will need money and talent from around the nation to confront and defeat the OCA. Contact them today at The Campaign for a Hate-Free Oregon, PO Box 3343, Portland, OR 97208-3343, or call (503) 232-4501, because in the OCA's tomorrow, the magazine you're reading couldn't exist!



PATLAR welcomes two new writers this month - Oregon's Lee Lynch ("The Amazon Trail," Forum) and Ron Abraytis of Chicago ("Book Shelf," LifeStyles).▼



Michael R. Gorman



Them Are Us

Bill Clinton upstaged me. I was three-quarters of the way through this column when I sat down to listen to the Arkansas governor's acceptance speech for the Democratic presidential nomination. When he began the "us versus them" section of his speech, I was hit with a wave of déjà vu. The moment reminded me that, as a writer, I am very much a product of my time and culture. I considered changing my column's topic (my ego's need to say it first), but instead decided that a good idea is worth repeating.

In my college composition course at a local community college I often have my students use journals as a place to write candidly about difficult issues. I make no restrictions on the nature of their reactions and I ignore grammatical issues in assigning points for journals, because I want them to learn to value their own thoughts, opinions and feelings without fear of ridicule. One morning I told them that I was going to give them some key elements in a political platform supported by a candidate for national office. I hinted that they should use this as a self-check on how well they were paying attention in this election year of 1992. They were to react to the platform itself, and then try to guess which candidate's views it reflected. Here is what I wrote on the board:

1. We must take care of our country and our people first.
2. The influx of foreigners in this country is draining vital resources that could be used for citizens.
3. Our history shows that this country is founded on Christian values, and we must return to these.
4. Homosexuality is a chosen lifestyle which is immoral and a threat to the strength of the traditional family.
5. We need to strengthen our military against the threat of Communism and other hostile foreign governments.
6. Pornography leads to crime and violence and must be outlawed, even when cultural elitists call it art.
7. Abortion is morally wrong and must be out-

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Lee Lynch

The Amazon Trail

Editor's note: PATLAR is pleased to welcome Lee Lynch's "Amazon Trail"! Lee Lynch has published eight books with Naiad Press, including a collection of the first years of the "Amazon Trail". She currently resides in Oregon.

In April, The National Enquirer ran a piece called "Strange Town Where Men Aren't Wanted." Many of us have been aware of Northampton, Massachusetts for years. The Enquirer editors dubbed it "Lesbianville, U.S.A." and bashed it as a lesbian bastion. Their nastiness clearly demonstrates the level of primitive terror we dykes strike in the hearts of male breeders. The tone of the article is that of a blurb for a fifties pulp novel which might have been called Sultry Greenwich Village Vixens In One Another's Arms – A True Story of Rabid Lust and Helpless Illicit Surrender.

Northampton is called "bizarre." Gay women live a "sicko lifestyle," and "you can even find them kissing and cuddling on Main Street!" (exclamation point the Enquirer's). Kissing and cuddling? Sounds like truly dangerous behavior to me. I can't wait till they discover our music festivals. We do even more radical stuff at those. Like stand in line for meals and go to workshops.

What's the big fuss? Why the threatened feelings? The idea of settling an area in vast numbers is fantastic! Gay men have their Castro and we've claimed our little New England Valley. The approximately 10,000 dykes who live in the whole of the Pioneer Valley, as Northampton and its environs are called, (1) are visible (2) live without men. This isn't cricket, you know. The acts of violence which rocked Northampton a few years ago didn't work – maybe exposure will. Or maybe, 10,000 strong, nothing will drive them out. Maybe, in the face of this patriarchy which just lives on and on, getting more and more boring, we're triumphing!

A local resident tells me that the first article about Northampton was syndicated from the Los Angeles Times. That the male-dominated media created a mini-furor in the brains of Good Family men isn't such bad news. On the upside, local women-loving-women are pleased that a new flood of dykes has been checking out the area as a place to settle.

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Just think of all the baby-dyke grocery baggers stuffing Enquirers in with someone's groceries, who'll stop in mid-act and read that headline. Then quit and climb in their little red dyke trucks with their cats, dog and a sign: "Lesbianville or Bust!"

Even that cutesy appellation "Lesbianville" tickles me. Doesn't it sound like a great board game from your youth? "Candyland" was one of my favorites. It was decorated with gumdrops and candy canes — "Lesbianville" will be adorned with strong-looking women and the symbols of our culture: labyrises, potluck paraphernalia, two-steppin', boot-ed dyke couples.

The key to the unease of traditional straight males seems to be the perceived unavailability of women. I mean, we are created to be their property, aren't we? Other than the sight of gay men, nothing scares these guys so much as the sight of women enjoying one another. What if all those 10,000 sultry village vixens started living what their "Just Say No To Men" buttons preach?

The Pioneer Valley is not an anomaly. Practically every city has its lesbian neighborhood now. Whole zip codes are coming to be known as good places for us to live. This is no agenda either. If we are claiming our space, that space has been denied us way too long. ▼

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8. The liberals who are teaching our children in the schools are a threat to traditional beliefs and should not be trusted.
9. The recession hurts the middle class most, thanks to selfish big businessmen and lazy welfare poor.

After I gave my students some time to ponder the platform and write their reactions, I asked them for their guesses about the candidate. The three most common guesses were David Duke, Patrick Buchanan, and President George Bush. Some said it could be Ross Perot, since few knew his stands on the issues as yet. I then informed them that I had extracted these statements from the policies of the German Nazi Party and Adolph Hitler. I told them to think about this exercise the next time they heard someone say, "How could it have happened?"

While discussing this rather disturbing list of political stands in class, I realized something that I had not previously noticed (One of the reasons I love teaching is that I learn as much if not more, than my students during the semester.) I found myself asking what each of the nine points on the board had in common. What is the single root below these divisive ideas that give them kinship? In one of those wonderful "aha!" moments, I recognized that each of the nine policies sets up an "us versus them" mentality. Us. Them. That is the parent seed of this type of politics, whether practiced by the Nazis in the 1940's or the right-wing fundamentalists in the 1990's.

There is an insidious faith that worms its way into societies, particularly those facing economic and social hardships, that says, "If we can just strengthen US and destroy THEM, all will be right with the world." If we can just kill the commies. If we can just convert the secular humanists. If we can just defeat the homosexuals. If we can just disempower the feminists. If we can just dislodge the liberals. If we can just jail the perverts. If we can just castrate the rapists. If we can just execute the murderers. If we can just exterminate the drug dealers. If we can just deport the Asians. If we can just stop the Mexicans from coming. If we can just disown the welfare mothers. If we can just be US and annihilate THEM. After all, WE'RE the good guys and THEY'RE the bad guys. All our troubles will be over if we can just identify and weed out the bad guys. This is the politics of paranoia, and it is alive and well in America in 1992. It is the seed that in its "finest" hour grew into the death camps. And we as Gay and Lesbian people are almost never left off of anyone's "THEM" lists, which gives us a unique and

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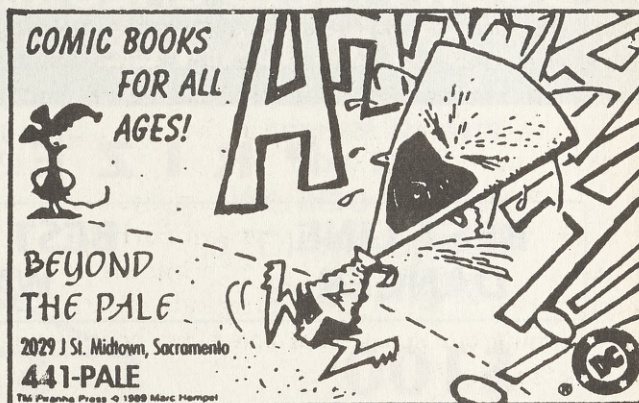
powerful historic perspective.

Very often our response to this type of vilification is to say, "If you will only look at me, you will see that I am no monster. I am not much different than you. 'If you cut us, do we not bleed?'" This reaction is correct and extremely effective. It is the foundation of the "coming out" movement, and I have seen it change the lives of more than one of my students. It is extremely difficult for people to cling to their untrue stereotypes and myths when confronted with a flesh and blood gay man or lesbian. But ultimately this rejoinder does not go far enough. What is to keep the perpetrators of hatred from simply finding another group to blame? And we need only look to the past to see that, once the stray seeds of prejudice are allowed to take root elsewhere, it is only a matter of time before the wind blows the next generation of seeds back into our gardens, and we are right back where we started. If we are ever to be confident that tomorrow will not reflect the darkness of yesterday, we must commit ourselves to sharing with the rest of the world the lessons we have learned, and are continuing to learn in our struggles.

Yet we are a young people, at least in our present open, political, cultural, activist conformation. Much of the wisdom we have gained as a group has

been gained in the heat of battle, and we are only beginning to analyze and articulate it. As we do, I believe that we will begin to recognize in ourselves a new paradigm to replace the old "Us versus Them" paradigm which was created so much suffering for our people and for other minorities. In my September column, I will share what I believe to be that new standard, and why gays and lesbians are in a wonderfully unique position to teach it to the world. ▽

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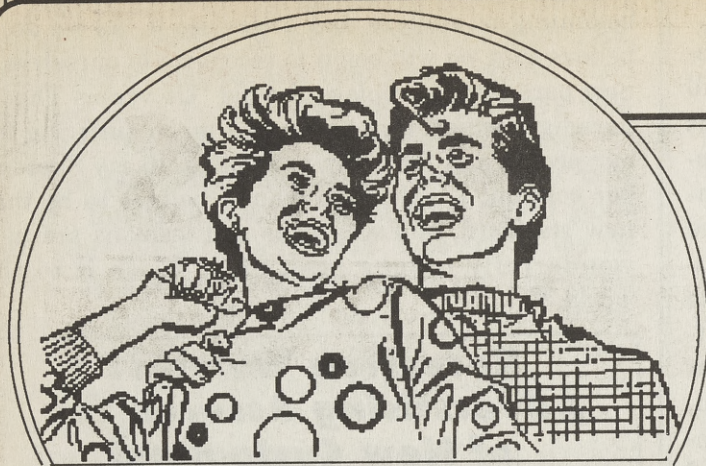
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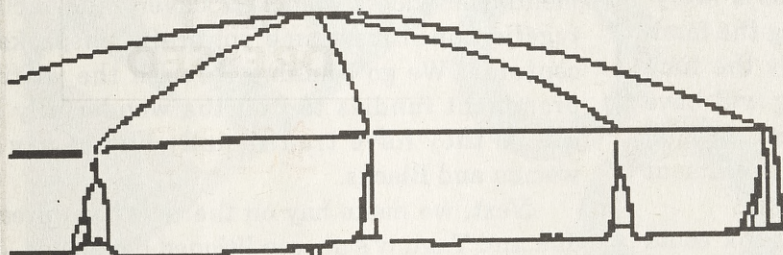
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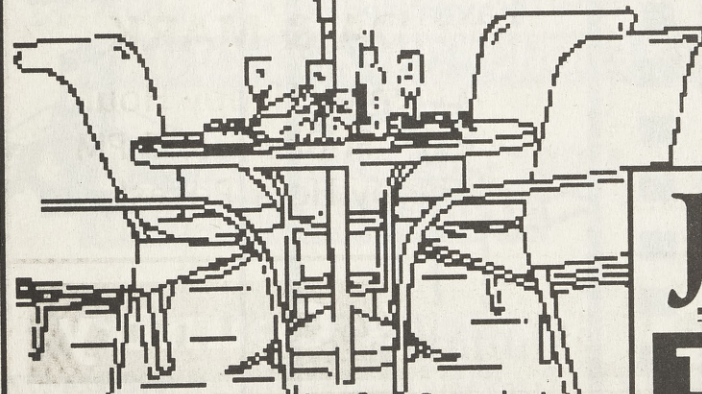
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In My Opinion

Before this year comes to an end, gay and lesbian activists in at least four states — Oregon, Colorado, Alabama and Maine — will have to expend time and energy to counter attempts by fundamentalists and their allies to write laws that actively discriminate against us. In Oregon, Colorado and Maine the fundies are trying to pass laws that would forbid state or local government to "promote" homosexuality; in Alabama they seek broad restrictions on anything pro-gay taking place in the schools.

By now we have lived through enough of these elections that the fact pattern is all too familiar. The fundamentalists will mail out graphic descriptions of gay sex, and will publicly accuse us of everything from child molestation to destroying the family to using gerbils for sexual activity. By the time election day rolls around, the right wing will have succeeded in turning it into a referendum on anal sex rather than a referendum on equal treatment and civil rights.

I wish to suggest a strategy that I think could change things. It is not a strategy about which I am really enthusiastic and there are potential drawbacks to it. Nevertheless, I think we need to at least discuss it as an option.

If we are going to have a campaign of hate, rather than a campaign based on issues, I would far

rather have the objects of that hatred be fundamentalists than gays. So, since the best defense is a good offense, let's turn these elections into a referendum on fundamentalism.

We couldn't have easier targets. The antics of the Operation Rescue people in Wichita and Buffalo, coupled with all the scandals emanating from Television Preacher Land, have combined to give fundamentalism the same moral stature among the populace as the ayatollahs. Now is the time to sink two enemy ships with one torpedo by tying all of our enemies together and putting them on parade.

So, we simply give wide publicity to what the tenets of fundamentalism actually are: that all Jews, as well as any Catholics or Protestants who disagree with them, are going to hell; that God ordained the death penalty for people who have sex outside of marriage; and that God ordered them to suppress all viewpoints except their own. We point out the simple historical fact that the KKK is nothing more than the social policy arm of various Southern fundamentalist churches, and that fundamentalism widely condoned slavery and racial segregation until it became politically unspeakable to continue. We go combing through the writings of prominent fundies to find the wonderfully idiotic things they have traditionally had to say about women and Blacks.

Next, we make hay on the television preachers: Jim and Tammy's air conditioned dog house, Jimmy Swaggart's tearful (and, in hindsight, bogus) confession the first time he was caught with a prostitute, Oral Roberts' famous plea that if he did not raise umpteen million dollars God would call him home.

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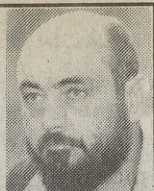
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Yours Truly in a Swamp

It truly is our own chains that most bind us. We who have come such a long way, and have such a long way to go.

In 1969, fresh from college and living in San Francisco, I wrote a small article for the then Berkeley periodical, *Gay Sunshine* (now a publishing house). It was about a film of the first gathering/march following the Stonewall riots, the forerunner of today's numerous Gay Pride Parades.

The film was short, amateurish, and splendid. It brought to "far away places," like the West Coast, the effete, East Coast's oppression of minorities, about which we felt famously and falsely superior.

At the end of the film a Dachshund trotted along on a leash sporting a saddle sign reading, "Me Too!" In that *Gay Sunshine* article, I wrote of this and noted for the first time in print that I too was gay and proud of myself. It was only a half truth.

That same year, a fellow cross-country-tripping hippie from Illinois took a stack of those *Gay Sun-*

shines back to my alma mater and sold them on the sidewalk in front of the University Center. I was horrified, "My god, my teachers would see it! My old friends would see it! The Italian hunk, for whom I lusted inside the safe cocoon of deep, platonic friendship most of those last two school years, would see it. And they will all know!"

Of course, the truth was they had always known. All that could happen was that I might give them permission to let me know they knew. Sort of the "Looking Glass Self," out of the Psychology 101 classroom and into the streets.

It is 23 years since the Stonewall Riots. We have come a long way. Today, every city has Gay Pride activities, even the little Illinois town where I went to college. And everybody who always knew I was gay knows I know it too.

New Orleans, where I have lived the past 17 years, has one of the larger Gay Pride celebrations. It is a month long with an admirable emphasis on community education. We regularly include the Mayor and City Council members in "Gayfest" activities. The city has a lesbian and gay civil rights law. And in February, Governor Edwin Edwards signed an "Executive Decree" that sexual orientation discrimination shall not be allowed in state hiring, or by anyone doing business with the state.

It is 23 years after Stonewall, and we have a long way to go. We all know that. In progressive California, Governor Pete Wilson vetoed the state's gay/lesbian equal protection bill. And in New Orleans we came dangerously close to having lesbian/gay discrimination codified by city law in the form of Carnival krewe membership rules. It was not, and that is positive. We have come a long way.

This admittedly complex ordinance, the famed "Carnival Compromise," went unreported in all but *The New Voice* and the mainstream *Times-Picayune* as having an anti-gay/lesbian clause. Let me repeat that, besides *The New Voice*, publications claiming to represent gay/lesbian interests did not report the anti-gay/lesbian clause being considered by City Council or that the clause was removed at the last minute, at the request of controversial District-C Council member Jackie Clarkson.

I'm proud of the fact *The New Voice* got the story right. I'm proud we stood on the side of gay/lesbian equality when the ordinance was still an embryo and racial bigotry, the real cause of the Carnival Controversy and subsequent Compromise that nearly legalized discrimination against us all, fogged the vision of many.

Two years ago, in an interview in this column, the great entertainer and lesbian/gay activist, Lynn

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like when the fundies actually did run things. We interview children of Jehovah's Witnesses who were expelled from public schools just for being witnesses. We run footage from the Scopes trial. We interview Jewish merchants forced out of business by Sunday closing laws. We remind everybody about Prohibition.

Then, after all of this, we spend the last several weeks before election day reminding everybody that if they pass this hate filled legislation, they will effectively be inviting the fundamentalists to resume control of the government once more.

The bottom line here is that the fundamentalists have given us more than enough ammunition to wage a hate campaign against them, should we choose to do so, and it might even work. This plan has both potential advantages and drawbacks:

On the plus side, voters just love a good mud fight, and they are inclined to vote for the party that slaps its opponents the hardest — just ask Mike Dukakis. It would be fun, to say nothing of an interesting social experiment, to let THEM be on the defensive for a change. Of course, the fundamentalists are bullies, which means they are also cowards, so if they got clobbered really good we might not ever hear from them again, although that is probably hoping for too much. Finally, this tactic would serve

to disabuse fundies of the notion that they are the majority — I continue to be galled by their pretending to represent grass roots America.

On the negative side, however, we lose the moral high ground by resorting to the tactics of our opponents, effective though those tactics may be. There is also the possibility that the strategy could backfire and leave us worse off than before: people who are not accustomed to such frontal attacks on religious leaders may not be able to distinguish between fundamentalism on the one hand and the kinder, gentler forms of religion on the other, and thus may erroneously conclude that their own values are under attack.

Is my proposed strategy a good idea? I don't know. But it should be discussed; quite obviously we have to do something quick, and certainly before November. ▼

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Lavner said, "Coming out, being proud of ourselves, is not a fixed position. It is an ever, ongoing process." The first step in that process is knowledge. Knowledge is the key that unlocks the chains that bind. We've come a long way and are getting better every day. ▼

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Katz AIDS Drug Access Bill Advances

Legislation by Assemblyman Richard Katz (D-Sylmar) that would immediately place newly approved drugs for treatment of AIDS-related illnesses on the Medi-Cal list of contract drugs has been approved by the Senate Health and Human Services Committee.

"People with life-threatening diseases can't wait for the bureaucracy to move," Katz commented. "It's

cruel and unusual to make patients and their families wait needlessly for life-saving medicines."

Three new treatments for AIDS-related conditions were approved last year, and several vaccine studies are currently, in progress. But the California Department of Health Services, the agency that oversees incorporation of new treatments onto the Medi-Cal list, very narrowly defines the use of new drugs, preventing or delaying their use by patients.

"The years researchers spend developing new treatments is completely wasted unless patients can make use of them in time," Katz explained. "When you are sick, that time is now."

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Siblings

Paul was languishing at St. John's College in Annapolis, trying to have his first gay relationship with another student named Alex. Unlike Paul, Alex had already had one previous involvement with a persistent English teacher at his all boys prep school. Alex was reluctant to start another one because he had been upset by that one.

Paul decided to write to his sister, Joanne, because she seemed to be the only possibly supportive and helpful one in the family....

Joanne wasn't alone in her dorm room at Bryn Mawr, the day she reread the coming-out letter from her younger brother Paul. Her lover, Amelia, was in the room too.

"Where should I begin?"

"Just tell me the juicy parts, Joanne."

Amelia looked attentively at Joanne, who was pacing the old floorboards of her own room. Amelia herself was sitting in the little velvet chair that Joanne's mother had given Joanne, swinging her legs over one of the arms. It was the only non-school furniture in Joanne's large, sunny uncluttered room.

Joanne quietly mouthed the words of Paul's letter until she reached the third paragraph, and quoted: "Because you are not gay, I'm not sure you'd understand my situation...."

"You're not gay?" chuckled Amelia, looking around the room at the lesbian-identified postcards on the walls. "Then why do you have all those pictures of glamour queens in male drag?"

On the wall above Joanne's desk were pictures of Marlene Dietrich and Greta Garbo, the former in a black tuxedo, and the latter as a Queen Christina in her mannish hunting garb. There was also a photograph of Gertrude Stein with Alice B. Toklas.

Joanne placed the letter gently onto her desk, on top of a pile of college texts and unfinished term papers.

"Now there are two out of three gay children in my family," mused Joanne.

"I have five siblings who're all hopelessly heterosexual."

"I know, poor, dear girl."

"I think it's time you had a talk with Paul."

That long weekend for Thanksgiving, Paul and Joanne were at their grandmother's house in southern Connecticut. Before dinner, Joanne took Paul aside and, holding his hand, led him upstairs to one of the guest bedrooms on the second floor. They sat on a cozy, pink sofa. Joanne told him about the letter-reading episode.

"You read one of my letters to someone else?"

"Not to hurt your feelings, Paul," said Joanne taking his right hand in her left. "I didn't know who else to tell. My lover, Amelia, and I agreed this is the right time to tell you something."

"Your lover?"

"Yes, Paul. I'm also gay."

"You are?" Joanne laughed.

"Why are you laughing?"

"I thought it was pretty obvious to you at least."

"I had my suspicions. But since you used to have boyfriends, I wasn't sure."

"I never really liked them though. In high school everyone wonders who is a virgin or not. In college they wonder who is gay or not."

"I guess so," laughed Paul.

"We have probably had some similar experi-

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ences, Paul. Don't worry it. As for, Alex, if he can't be committed to you, either dump him, or just be friends. It's always hard with your first relationship, whether with a woman or a man."

Joanne smiled at Paul empathetically.

"I guess. I'm a little naive."

"If you put two people together, whether they're two women, two men, or a woman and a man, there are going to be problems."

"I guess you're right. I never thought about it that way."

"Considering our family's failed heterosexual relationships, we know that it's certainly not just a gay problem. As a former heterosexual, I know from experience."

"My relationships with men differ from yours. I'm a man myself. You didn't like male lovers, while I want one."

"True, but having known men, and women, I recognize problems with all relationships, sexual or platonic."

"I suppose so."

"Being gay is better in some ways, though. I could finally throw out my birth control pills!"

"Your emancipation proclamation."

"Absolutely. Promise me one thing: don't get talked into something you feel uncomfortable about. I want you alive and well, physically and mentally."

"Thanks for talking to me."

They embraced, and kissed each other on the cheek.

Suddenly their mother's voice announced: "Come downstairs and help set the table, please."

They descended to the living room.

"What were two talking about up there?" asked their mother.

Joanne and Paul merely looked at each other and smiled very broadly....

Couples — Be Prepared

Assigning a same-sex partner the power of attorney won't do much good if the person cannot be located, say the editors of a national magazine for gay and lesbian couples. They recommend that partners carry an emergency medical card, as well as a reduced photocopy of their power of attorney form.

To encourage couples to take this precaution, *Partners* offers free medical emergency cards for listing an emergency contact name and telephone number, medical conditions, medicinal allergies, and blood type. To receive a set of two cards, send a stamped, envelope to *Partners* cards, PO Box 9685, Seattle, WA 98109; or call (206) 784-1519.

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CROSSROADS

Head Of Episcopal Church Urges Gays To 'Hang In'

The Most Reverend Edmond L. Browning, chief bishop of the Episcopal Church, urged lesbian and



Most Rev. Edmond L. Browning addressed the Integrity National Convention.

gay Episcopalians meeting in Houston to "hang in there. It is extremely important for your voices to be heard." Browning was making an historic visit to the 18th anniversary convention of Integrity, Inc., the Episcopal lesbian justice ministry. It was the first time in the history of lesbian/gay Christian caucuses that the head of a major denomination traveled to a caucus convention.

Bishop Browning preached and celebrated the Eucharist at the convention's opening service on Friday, July 10 and led an open forum with Integrity members on Saturday, the 11th. It was at the latter event that the Presiding Bishop spoke most strongly in support of lesbian and gay Episcopalians. He was responding to twelve lesbian, gay and straight persons who shared their struggles within the Episcopal Church with him. He appeared deeply moved and spoke well beyond his scheduled departure time.

Integrity, with almost 2500 members throughout the United States and non-affiliated chapters in Canada and Australia, is by far the largest lesbian caucus relative to the size of its denomination and is second to Dignity, the Roman Catholic caucus; in absolute membership numbers.

Night of the Monarchs

The Stanislaus Owl Empire will celebrate the dedication of past monarchs within the courts system on September 12, 1992 at Lone Oak Hall, 1000 S. Santa Cruz St., Modesto. Contact them at PO Box 2239, Modesto, CA 95351 for further information.

Leather Archives And Museum

Recognizing that the rich history of the leather community is currently being ignored, forgotten and destroyed, Mr. Chuck Renslow, producer of the International Mr. Leather Contest, has established a non-profit corporation for the purpose of saving, protecting and displaying our leather history.

Known as the "Leather Archives and Museum", the board of directors, made up of prominent individuals from the leather community, is starting out by encouraging leather people and any family or friend of a leather person to send leather and S/M memorabilia to 5025 N. Clark Street, Chicago, Illinois 60640.

Memorabilia includes such things as oral and video tapes of interviews with long-time members of the leather community. These interviews bring our history to life and help us understand our leather S/M "roots". Items that may seem insignificant take on new meaning when viewed as an archive or museum piece. For example, when a leather person dies, the family or friends might rush in and destroy any evidence that connected that person to leather or S/M. Sadly, things like old magazine collections, run pins, T-shirts from leather bars, matchbooks, play toys of any kind, photographs, posters and ash-

trays all disappear. It is important we validate our present by studying our past.

Before throwing out such items of a friend, call the Leather Archives and Museum at (312) 878-6360 or FAX a general list to (312) 878-5184. ▼

New Black Magazine Makes Debut

The premiere issue of *BLACKfire*, an erotic magazine featuring the images and experiences of black men, has been released by the Blk Publishing Company to national distribution. The 52-page bi-monthly includes photography, short stories, poetry, drawings and a centerfold.

BLACKfire joins *Black Lace* as the company's second erotic title. *Black Lace*, which focuses on the adventurous activities of African-American lesbians, made its debut last year.

Single copies of *BLACKfire* are available by mail for \$5.95 plus \$1.05 postage and handling. Subscriptions are \$30 for one year or \$54 for two years. Outside the U.S., add \$24 per year, payable in United States funds.

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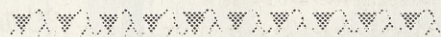
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1993 March on Washington Finalizes Agenda

The organizers of the 1993 March on Washington convened in Washington over the week-end of June 6 and 7 to finalize the march's platform. The entire National Steering Committee (NSC), made up of delegates from around the country, approved the platform at its May meeting in Dallas with the provision that the Executive Committee would adjust a small number of controversial items at its June meeting.

Platform Planks

- Equal civil rights shall not be denied on the basis of sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression.
- Discrimination against and oppression of People of Color shall not be tolerated.
- Discrimination in our educational systems shall not be tolerated.
- Universal health care, medical and alternative therapies, shall be available to all people.
- The right to reproductive freedom and choices for all people shall be protected.
- The definition and legal protection of family shall include all people.
- Discrimination shall not be tolerated on the basis of race, religion, sexual orientation/identification, identity, gender and gender expression, ability, age, class, AIDS/HIV infection and perceived AIDS/HIV infection.

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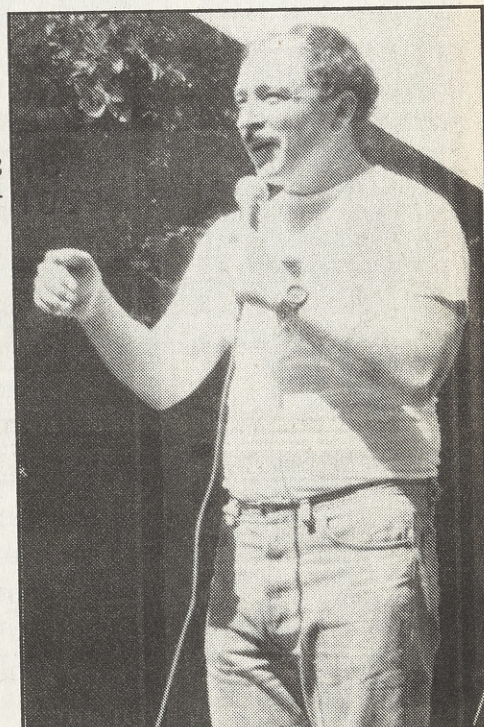
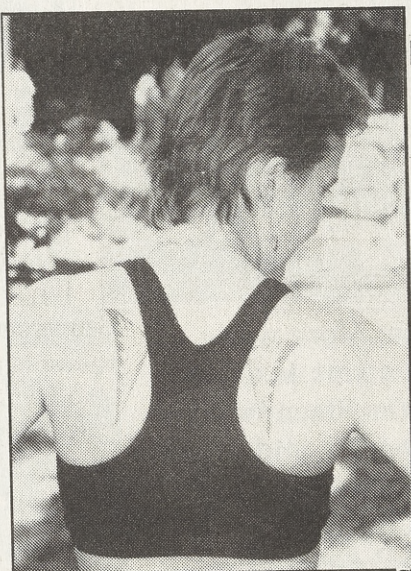
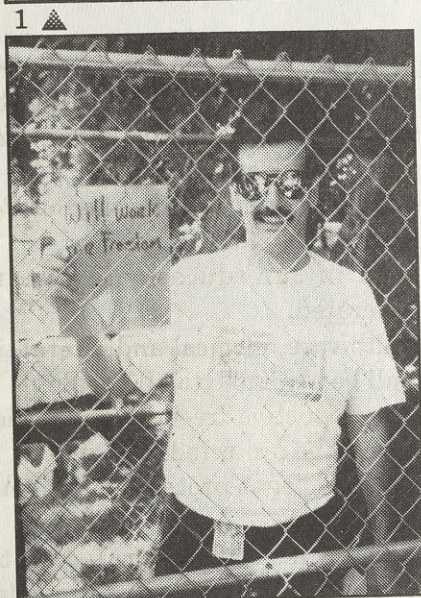
The Board of Directors of Christopher Street West will honor their 1992 Gay and Lesbian Pride Celebration Community Service and Parade Award recipients at a banquet on Saturday, August 22 at Ma Maison Sofitel. Honorees will include Christopher Street West's Man of the Year, Phill Wilson, and Woman of the Year, Torie Osborn. Cocktails will begin at 6:00 p.m., and dinner begins at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$65.00 if purchased before August 14 and \$75.00 if purchased after August 14. For reservations and information call Christopher Street West at (213) 656-6553. ▼

Chico's Second Annual Freedom Fest



Celebrants from throughout Northern California came to the Alumni Glen of the CSU Chico campus on July 25th. Especially proud was the governing board of Chico's Stonewall Alliance (1), which has signed a lease for Chico's first Lesbian and Gay Community Center! Located at 820 West Seventh Street in Chico, the Center opens in August. Comedian Danny Williams entertained the crowd in the hot valley sun (2). Community members spent time in the Sacramento Leather Association's jail, raising "bail" donations (3). Geri showed off her "Descending Walls" tattoo, done by Bonnie Jean of Eugene, Oregon (4). Diverse booths, from custom designed T-shirts (5) to fine art prints (6), pottery, books, and AIDS services, rounded out the event.

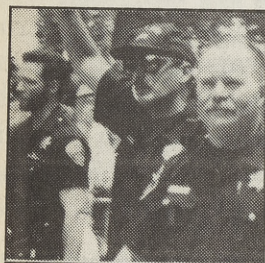
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Francisco's Gay and Lesbian Freedom Day Parade has grown to encompass an incredible array of talent and pride. It



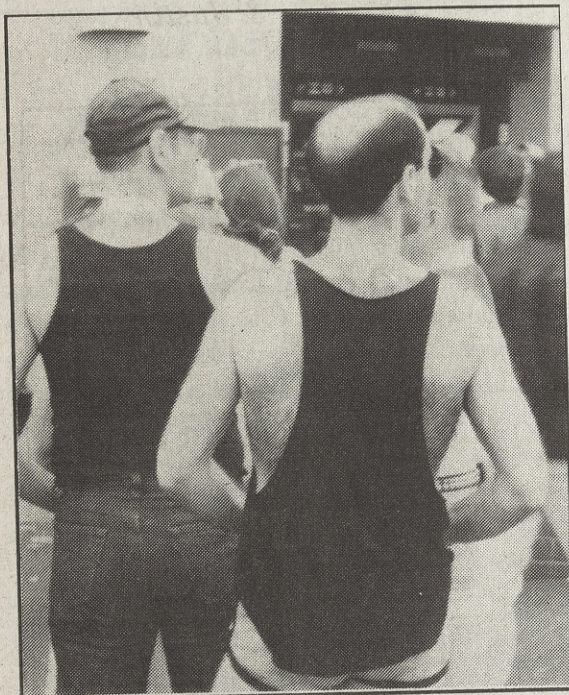
is like Mardi Gras and the March on DC all rolled together. Photos by Martin Casey & Justin



Plaza: More wonders await at Civic Center Plaza; with hot bodies and great entertainment to help focus the crowd's attention.

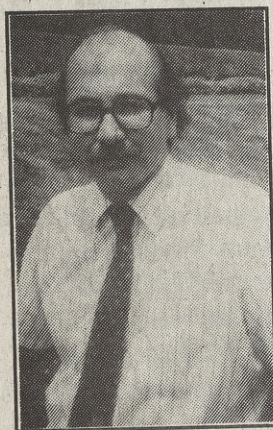


Clean Up: After the party fades, someone still has to sweep up Civic Center Plaza, and the wait at the Castro Bank of America ATM drags on...



Gay And Lesbian Youth Commission Appointments Announced

Governor William Weld and Lieutenant Governor Paul Cellucci have announced their appointments to the Governor's Commission on Gay and Lesbian Youth. The Commission was created by Executive Order in February and is the first of its kind in the nation. The Commission will examine the high rate of suicide among homosexual teenagers and advise the administration on how to address this serious problem.



David Lafontaine

take testimony from gay youth, parents, teachers, social service providers and others. The information gathered at the hearings will be used to produce a report and make recommendations to the administration.

The Commission Chairman, David Lafontaine, applauded the appointments. "For too long young

gays and lesbians have suffered isolation and despair because of the prejudice which is ingrained in our society. Now, thanks to Governor Weld's historic leadership in creating this Commission, we will be able to send a powerful message to everyone in Massachusetts: all young people, gay and straight, deserve to have a healthy, happy future." ▼

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Book Shelf

Editor's note: PATLAR welcomes Ron Abraytis as our new regular book reviewer. Hailing from Chicago, where he has written for "Gay Chicago Magazine," Abraytis will cover the full range of new (and a few older) titles.

Adrenaline by James Dillinger
Plume Fiction, 302 pages, \$8.95 (remaindered)

Good lord, where do I begin? *Adrenaline* is a panting, orgasmic, emotionally wringing thriller which culminates in a fiery apocalypse of mayhem and retribution — an apocalypse which will satisfy even the most blood-thirsty scenarios of vengeance that all of us as queers nurse for the outrages perpetrated against us. If you've ever been ridiculed as a "fairy"; if you've ever been attacked for being gay; if you've ever seen a friend die of AIDS while society looked the other way, *Adrenaline* will evoke, fuel and ultimately glut the rage within you.

It begins with a look at the trashy, decadent lives of Jeff and Nick. Just as they discover their love for each other, they fall victim to the brutality of two sadistic, homophobic Los Angeles policemen. When one of the cops is accidentally killed, Nick and Jeff are targeted as cop-killers and chased all over California by the obsessed Chief of Police Brundl.

Nick and Jeff keep barely one step ahead of the law, encountering sympathizers and informants, friends and foes, crazies and heroes—but none for very long before there's a pounding on the door or a siren in the distance, and they have to flee.

Adrenaline also is a political commentary on the Los Angeles police. Written in 1985, it's as recent and timely as today's headlines. Its villains are real people, alive and plotting right now as you read this review. The outrage of the gay characters in this book has been manifested in the Rodney King riots.

The most horrifying chapters of *Adrenaline* take place in the infamous Atascadero State Hospital. If you aren't familiar with that name, you should be. Atascadero is notorious for its "cures" of homosexual "sex offenders" (which, in real life, have included a man convicted of kissing his boyfriend in public, and a boy caught masturbating). *Continued Next Page*

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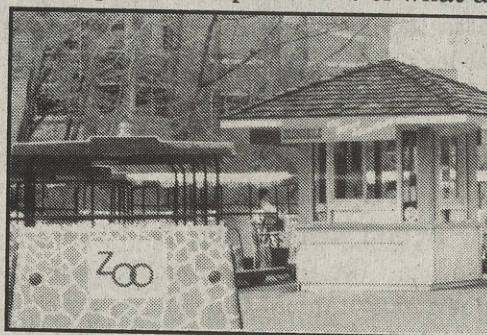
Ira Gruber & Tina Jenneray

Sophisticated Gay & Lesbian Traveler

Milwaukee, Part II

No visit to Milwaukee would be complete without a visit to the Milwaukee Zoo, located at 1001 West Bluemond Road. Though somewhat tired from our first full day in the Beer City, which included a sumptuous brunch, three fine museums and a trip to La Cage, Milwaukee's premier gay bar (See June issue), we were up early and off to the zoo, standing at the gates the moment they opened at 9 a.m.

As travel writers, we visit a lot of zoos, and most of them get a lot of hype. But, the Milwaukee Zoo had a quality of realness about it that more than lived up to our expectations of what a zoo should offer.



The Milwaukee Zoo
Photo by Tina Jenneray

With 2,500 specimens representing 350 species of mammals, birds, reptiles, fish and invertebrates, we spent almost the entire day there.

While lunching at the Flamingo Lake Cafe, we discussed our favorite aspects of this first-rate zoo. Certainly there was the Peck Visitor's Center, with its outstanding multimedia presentation; and the Zoomobile, a 20-minute tour full of facts and fun, is a great way to get a capulated version of the variety of exhibits available. The Zoofari Express is wonderful as well, his miniature train will take you all around the zoo.

From Memorial Day to Labor Day the zoo offers a variety of great animal and bird shows (weather permitting).

The zoo also presents a terrific Raptor Bird Show, and we probably would have spent the entire day wandering through the various exhibits if we had not spotted a woman wearing a T-shirt with the announcement "I'M NOT GAY BUT MY GIRLFRIEND IS" while we were at the bird show. We, of course, approached her, to get her opinion of this

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The techniques performed at Atascadero include electric shock, personality-altering drugs which cause psychosis and brain damage, panic-inducing drugs, lobotomy and experimental neurosurgery. I wish I could dismiss this part of the book as some far-fetched Nazi nightmare, but I've been aware of Atascadero for many years. If anything, author Dillinger underplays the atrocities committed there.

The climax more than expiated all the tension of 300 pages. It gave new meaning to the term "catharsis". Imagine an inferno of celluloid napalm, a manic Mickey Mouse armed with a 357 magnum; imagine your friend who died of AIDS.

The denouement is bittersweet: satisfying without being sentimental, terrifying while strangely triumphant. I'm sorry, I just can't describe it. ♥

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fine animal park.

"Well," she said, "this is where I come to relax. There's a great deal of water here, and I find that peaceful. Also, it's obvious that the animals are well cared for. And, for a zoo of this size (almost 190 acres), it's really well laid out. For just \$4.50 admission, it's gotta be one of the five best zoos in the country ... at least!"

Well, I guess that about says it all. The zoo is open all year long; the gates open at 9 a.m. and, there are some extra admission prices for special shows.

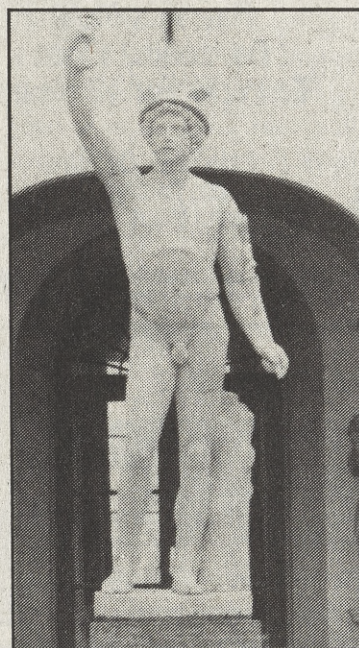
Our new friend, who introduced herself as Karen, offered to take us to yet another magical place, the Boerner Botanical Gardens. Located outside the city at 5879 S 92nd Street in Hales Corner, we found perhaps the most beautiful botanical gardens we have yet to visit, and as we wandered along through the crab-apple collection, the tulip collection and the peony garden, Karen was quick to point out to us that the attendance (at least on that day) was about 80% female.

Karen, with the sort of friendliness we were finding typical of people in this city, invited us to accompany her and her girlfriend, Alice, to a free outdoor concert held in the gardens that coming Thursday. With regret we informed her that we would be in Chicago by then, but would be sure to mention in our article that free outdoor concerts are given at Boerner Botanical Gardens from mid-June to mid-September. The gardens open at 8' a.m. daily from April through October, and remain open until sunset.

Needing to mellow out a bit as well as to eat something, we chose a Milwaukee tradition to end our day with ... a dinner cruise on the Edelweiss

and a trip down the Milwaukee River. We stuffed ourselves again, this time on excellent food prepared by the acclaimed Weissgarber's Third Street Pier. For more information regarding reservations, schedules and prices call (414) 272-DOCK.

Everyone we met in the gay community encouraged us to visit the Charles Allis Art Museum at 1801 N. Prospect Ave. Housed in one of the most beautiful of Milwaukee's historic mansions, this museum gathers together a worldwide collection of ob-



Statue of Hermes at Villa Terrace
Photo by Tina Jenneray

jects d'art. Open daily from Wednesday to Sunday. Another "Must-see", the Villa Terrace is also open only Wednesday to Sunday. This lovely Italian-style villa overlooking Lake Michigan is dedicated to the decorative arts. It seemed everywhere we turned there was another tribute to the masculine physique of nude sculptures. Very surrealistic; like a wet dream. So, we concluded what must be the city's gayest art museum,

staying the extra day because the museum does not open until Wednesday.

There are at least twenty more exciting attractions in this city of a million people that we were

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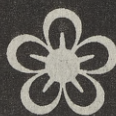
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Talking It Over

"I got angry and I hit her," she said, "and now I wish I hadn't. How can I make things better between us?"

It's okay to be angry. It's not okay to hit. In fact, hitting, hollering, and hurting are aspects of anger that cripple and destroy relationships. Once the humiliation of being physically hit or hollered into submission or hurt by verbal blows to the ego or mean-spirited actions to "show her who she is tangling with" is experienced, it is difficult for things to get better in any relationship.

For those who find themselves in such a predicament, now is not the time to try to save the relationship; now is the time to look at self and strive toward changes. Maybe later, the relationship can be revived. Maybe.

Anger is vastly misunderstood as an emotion. To identify anger as an emotion is to move away from an understanding of anger as energy, for there is a tendency to denigrate emotion, be ashamed of and embarrassed by emotional displays and consequently to fear being emotional. We were taught as children to control our anger, not to use it, and so society's label of anger as emotion serves the purpose of keeping us all in line. For, who wants to be out of control?

If we tell the truth about anger, we can see that anger is energy and like any other energy, anger is a force that propels us into action. Our attempts to control our anger, to deny that we are angry and feel violent, lead to destructive actions. Anger, however, like any energy can be used for creative action.

To use anger creatively, one must first validate one's right to be angry. When anger arises in a person, the tendency is to either suppress it — "Oh, I'm not angry. I feel hurt, but not really angry." — or to express it — "You make me so damn mad, I could spit! Either reaction is destructive to self and one's relationships with others. Embedded in both reactions is the certainty that the anger felt is personally unjustified. The person within has no right to the anger, and so it must be quickly dealt with — stuffed down or propelled outward.

This is the turning point in anger that is most valuable to a person who wants to use his or her anger creatively. When you are angry, stop and listen to your anger before you react. Your anger will

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guide you. The first message you will receive, if you are listening, is that you *are* angry. And your response must be, "I am angry." It sounds simplistic, but it is not. The next time you are angry, try admitting to yourself — without excuses, without judgments of yourself or others — that you are angry. If you succeed — if you can honestly and clearly state I AM ANGRY —, you will feel a burst of freedom, an enlightenment that means you are on your way to using your anger creatively. You have broken the chain of being used by anger.

The next part of the message anger brings is the feeling that comes with the anger. Is it resentment? Is it hurt? Is it outrage? It is important to identify and be clear on what the feeling is, for that feeling will direct you to the cause of your anger. For instance, you may resent being left out or you may feel hurt that you suffered a loss or you may be outraged that rights were violated. There are many, many ways of feeling and many reasons for the feelings. The important thing to remember is to be courageous enough to identify the feeling and to look for the reason for it.

Once you know that you are angry and the reason for your anger, then you are in a powerful position. You can state clearly that you are angry and the reason for your anger. In stating the reason for your anger, it is important that you validate for yourself that the situation is what makes you angry, not the person to whom you are addressing your anger. We have been taught to blame the person, not the situation, because in blaming others, the status quo is perpetuated. (Notice how good politicians are at this tactic.) When we blame the situation, we have a chance at changing the situation.

The "I got angry and I hit her" above contains judgment of self — it wasn't okay to be angry in the first place. Confession to wrongdoing is an attempt to bring back the relationship — hitting her lover was a way to control her and the relationship. If the person who "got angry" could have said to herself, "I am angry. What am I feeling with this anger? I am afraid. I am afraid my lover is going to leave me," she would have had a chance at saving the relationship. Her anger could have been used as energy to go into action by admitting her fear and initiating a conversation with her lover that could have been the start of a resolution. ▼

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Pat Califia

The Adviser

Q I don't like being the bottom in sex at all. Nearly every guy I've been with seems to enthusiastically enjoy it, but they occasionally want me to be on the bottom. For two special guys I have tried, but it worked only one time. The experience seemed more like a medical procedure than a sexual act and was not even vaguely sexually stimulating.

My open-minded attitude — that I would like to learn to enjoy being on the bottom — is fading fast. Whenever my current boyfriend brings up, in bed, that he would like to try being on top, I react as I would to the suggestion that I undergo a somewhat painful medical procedure. I lose interest in sex.

Occasionally, because of this problem, I wonder if I'm actually gay. Please tell me what is enjoyable about being on the bottom, if you know.

A It's often difficult to be a bottom to someone whom you are used to topping. You are used to looking at your lover as somebody that you can take, possess, and control, not somebody you'd like to give it all up to. I wouldn't get very excited either if somebody made vague noises about maybe wanting to someday try to be a top just a little. A good top doesn't need to hint around or ask permission; he is powerful and sexy enough to get you down on your back with your legs in the air before you quite know what hit you. As an inexperienced bottom, you probably need a lot more warm-up and preparation than your partners. If your lover is 90% bottom, he may have forgotten what kind of attention a novice needs to enjoy penetration.

Bottoming may not work for you until you meet a man who is mostly a top and who makes you feel like being seduced and worked over. This has nothing to do with whether you're gay. Some of us just prefer to run the fuck. However, it does sound like you are a little resentful and wistful about giving up the opportunity to explore both sides of sex, so I want to encourage you to keep looking for a way to enjoy bottoming. If nothing else, it's important to keep in touch with what you usually do to your partners and how it feels to them.

Bottoming is usually stereotyped as a somewhat degrading or demeaning experience. But it doesn't have to be that way. It takes a lot of strength and virility to be able to handle another man's lust. See Page 28 PATLAR LIFESTYLES August 1992 27



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Electrical toys can be the ones that cause most people to react with fear and intimidation. But as long as they are used with respect and caution they can be some of the most stimulating and fun toys in the whole sex toy group, so this month we are going to explore some of them.

There are two basic kinds of electrical toys, ones that need two leads, or hookups on the body in order for the electricity to pass from one point to the other, and static electricity toys that only require one main lead and where the electrical current does not pass thru the skin. The difference between the two types of electrical toys and the rules in using them are pretty basic, but must be followed at all times in order to prevent problems. First we'll talk about the multi lead type.

One of the main types of multi lead electrical toys is called a Titelator. This device is made up of a small box with control knobs on it and will hold from four to six batteries in it. The box has two or more lead wires that out from it that are connected to different areas of the bottom's body. When the device is turned on it causes current to pass through the body from lead connection to the other. Thus, let's say that the top has connected the leads with one on each of the bottom's balls; the current will pass through the balls between the leads. The control knobs on the box are used to control intensity or strength of the current and the cycle or alternating wave of electrical current passing through the body from one lead to the other.

The intensity knob simply turns the power up and down. The cycle knob changes speed at which the electrical currents are being fed through the body, thus delivering the actual shock faster or slower.

The big rule with this type of electrical device is that it should never be used above the waist. With this type of electrical toy, you are passing live electricity between two points, which means that the voltage is actually passing through the body cavity. If, for example, one lead is attached to each of the bottom's tits, then you would be passing live voltage through the chest cavity and through the bottom's heart, which could cause the bottom to suffer a heart attack or change the heartbeat to an irregular pattern. This is also true if the leads were attached,

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With a good top, the bottom gets to feel taken care of and released from all responsibility and tension. You get a lot of attention and physical stimulation. That can be merely flattering or really nurturing in a way that topping never will. Bottoming feeds the ego and the soul as well as the body.

Q Six months ago I started dating a beautiful butch top. I am relatively new to S/M, while she is experienced and very demanding. Inevitably, I displeased her while at play, at home, or with friends. She feels I deliberately try to irritate her. This is not true, although I sometimes do things that afterward seem stupid and forgetful. I feel she is impossible to please.

Last time we played, she kept hitting my spine and kidneys while whipping me. I tried to respectfully tell her when this happened. I told her it was too much. She told me to get dressed. When I came back into the room, I was angry and frustrated and gave her a dirty look. She slapped my face and ended our relationship.

She says I am a pain in the ass and no top would keep her patience with me or want to play with me. I fear this is true. She has often commented that I may not be a "real" bottom. Although I love being aggressive sexually and occasionally top a little, my orientation is overwhelmingly bottom. I feel she is abusive and has a hard time keeping her anger out of her top role. She is in "top space" 99% of the time and has thrown me against a wall in the middle of an argument. Is the axiom "never hit someone in anger" really enforced in the S/M community? Perhaps it happens a lot, and bottoms are expected to take it. I am an abuse survivor and cannot take it because I will become addicted to it.

This was my first experience with role relationships, and I feel shaken. I have no one to discuss this with except a mutual friend who wants to remain neutral. There are no S/M groups or resources in my area.

A No bottom should have to put up with a top who whips her in unsafe areas like the spine and kidneys or a top who is physically abusive during an argument. Any given bottom might not be compatible with an individual top, but that doesn't mean either party is inadequate. There's no such thing as a "real bottom" or a "real top." These roles are taken on temporarily to gratify sexual fantasies. You don't need to be in a role 24 hours a day to be a good bottom, and you don't need to be submissive at all if you are a masochist who just wants a good, competent whipping.

If the two of you were not so isolated, you would have more different types of bottoms to use for role

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say, to the bottom's ears. Sending live voltage though the brain could cause severe problems. To repeat, any electrical device that uses more than one lead to pass the voltage should never be used above the waist.

A similar device is the good old cattle prod. These are long stick-like devices that have two metal prongs on the end and use from four to six large batteries for power. While the distance between the two prongs is usually only about an inch or so, a cattle prod still can deliver one hell of a kick and still works on the same idea that the voltage is passing through the body from one lead to another, and thus it should still be used with the below the waist only rule.

Another type of electrical toy is the wind up generator similar to the ones that were used in the old wind up phones or in military field phones. In this case the generator is hand cranked and the voltage is delivered by connecting the two leads to different areas of the body. The faster you wind or crank the generator the more power is delivered from lead to lead. These type of wind up electrical toys must also follow the not above the waist rule.

My favorite electrical toy, and the one that is probably the safest of all, is called a Violet Wand. The Violet Wand is a static electrical generator like the type that is used in school science classes and in amusement parks. The big difference here is that static electricity is the same type that is generated when you rub your shoes on a carpet and then touch a metal rail; you get a good little shock, but the electricity does not pass through the skin or body. Violet Wands are a large box generator with a single cord coming out that is attached to a hand held wand. At the end of the wand is a glass rod which may be shaped like a disk, or with fingers like a rake. When you pass the rod over the skin it causes a static discharge to go from the end of the rod to the skin. When you watch it, you see several little lightning bolts dance from the rod to the skin. This can be a very cool device to use in a semi dark room as both the top and bottom can easily see the electrical bolts hit the skin. Due to the fact that the voltage does not pass through the skin but merely connects with the skin, this is the only electrical toy that can be used safely above the waist.

I have found the Violet Wand to be one of the funnest toys I have. Most of the time the bottoms are nervous before hand, but once they feel it they really get into it. The feeling is something like a hundred little pins just barely poking the skin. Some say that it's more like when your hand falls asleep; it tingles a lot and can be irritating, but does

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unable to visit, as other commitments were forcing us to depart "the great place on a Great Lake". We know for instance, that Milwaukee has the only black Holocaust Museum, but we just couldn't fit it into our agenda. Milwaukee is beautiful in the summertime; very romantic. And, as far as the people go, their friendliness and openness are astounding; a shock to two people who live in the polite yet cool atmosphere of the Northwest.

So, plan your trip by contacting the Milwaukee Convention & Visitors Bureau at (800) 231-0903. They will send you an informative guidebook listing all the attractions, hotels, restaurants etc. ♥

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models, and the competition might encourage her to clean up her act. Finding partners in the Midwest is hard. Try personal ads, and consider starting a women's S/M support group. Contact Briar Rose. PO Box 16235, Columbus, OH 43216. It might be able to help. ♥

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not hurt. When I use a wand on a bottom, I slowly pass it along the whole body and then concentrate it on those areas that I find to be very sensitive. More than once I have caused a bottom to cum without ever touching him myself, just by using a wand on some of those sensitive areas. Once you find the right areas of sensitivity on your bottom, you can drive them crazy with a wand.

The other thing about electrical toys is that they can be fairly expensive. The Titelaters range from around \$69.95 to nearly \$120, and a good cattle prod will set you back around \$75 to \$100. If you can find a crank up generator, they can easily cost from \$100 to \$300. Violet Wands are also in the \$300 range.

As I said in the beginning, electrical toys must be used with respect and a good amount of caution, but they can be some of the most fun items in your toolbox. There is no other toy that can quite match the type and intensity of stimulation that these can cause, or the problems if not used correctly.

Next time around, we will go over some of the other types of stimulating devices. both light and heavy, that can be used to enhance ones sexual pleasure in lots of different ways. So for now have a great time and lots of fun with your leather and toys. ♡

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Views From River City

Life for most of us is a continuous process of getting used to things we hadn't expected. July was one of those months for living. What a time!! To start, the Afrocentric Weekend which took place at the TownHouse, Faces, and JTC was a wonderful event. Congratulations. CGNIE's "La Cage On Ice" had great turn out and great performances. Kudos to KOVR Channel 13 for featuring "La Cage" on their Friday, July 24th, morning newscast with a live interview of organizer Jon Johnson at Iceland.

But I think the highlight of July was Sacramento's first Black and White Ball, presented by LaKish and Ernie Brown at JTC. Thank you to each and everyone of you who participated in this event; we could never have pulled it off without you. \$400 was raised for the Fairy Godfather's fund. And it will be bigger and better next year! Another highlight of July was the Celebration of Life for David and Frank Holt — fifteen years together! Here's to the next fifteen! Congratulations. Also, I would like to thank everyone who was on my bus to the S.F. Gay Day parade for your good behavior. That's the way it should be. No one was left behind and no one got out of hand! Hallelujah!!

So, do you agree that July was very entertaining? Well hold on your hats — August is going to surpass July! The CGNIE Ducal Ball will be held August 22nd, at JTC. Doors open at 7, Ball begins at 8 p.m. Admission is \$10. This years candidates for Duchess are Summer Storm, Shondra, and Simone (aka Grace Jones). Candidate's for Duke are Chuck and J.P. You can vote at Lambda Center on August 15th from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. Each of the candidates will be going through the community; a calendar of events is posted in every bar. If you don't vote, don't bitch!

Moving right along, there is a reunion party for the "Underpass — Broadway Ltd." on August 20th at Faces starting at 6 p.m. All are welcome. Your hosts for this event are Meta Holt and Ron Heinrich.

Listen up: JTC's will be having a Country-Western Dance contest — Best Line dance, best two-step, and best dressed, on August 8th at 7:30 p.m. It's a benefit for MCC and the Christian Food Basket, \$2.00 cover, lotsa prizes! Paul and Stacey present their 3rd annual bus trip to the Russian River

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for the annual Tavern Guild Picnic of San Francisco at Fife's. Cost: \$29, which includes an all-day pass at Fair BBQ. The Merc opens at 6 a.m., and the bus leaves from there at 7:45 a.m. with a 10 p.m. return. This all happens August 30th, and your hosts are Emperor and Empress XIX Paul and Stacey and Emperor and Empress XVII K.C. and Vannah Woolsey-What. Skip is having his annual birthday trip to Reno — "The Bus From Hell"! Leaving Faces at 6 p.m. August 15th and returning at 6: a.m. — price \$24. There will be a lot of returns when you get to Reno, so the trip could cost you next to nothing. Check with Jim Monroe at the Western or with Skip.

Remember the train trips we took to Reno a few years back? Well, it's about to happen again, so take notes! Got your pencil handy? Here goes: join us for the Train for Hope to Reno. \$149 per person double occupancy. Departs Sacramento Friday November 20th at 12:30 p.m. Returns Sunday November 22nd at 2:30 p.m. (3 days & 2 nights). Here are the extra benefits: private rail car, deluxe accommodations at the Colonial Hotel Casino, \$25 Casino Fun package, free strip show in Reno, 2 free drinks, and proceeds go to Hope House. For tickets contact Poundcake, and most bartenders will have info. Sponsored by Rick's Tours of Reno. Get your money in soon; there is a late September cut-off date. I'll see you there!

Once again Ernie Brown will have a bus trip to the Renaissance Pleasure Faire, Sunday, October 11th. Leave the Merc at 10:00 a.m., return at 8 p.m. The Merc will open at 8, fare is 28 dollars and includes admission to the Faire, bus trip, cups/mixes, and fun! Money should be in by October 1st. See Ernie B. for info.

Stop by and take a look at the Townhouse; it's gotten a great looking new face-lift. The Western is getting to be quite a showplace. Joseph, I sure like what you've done with Rafters upstairs — it's great! LaKish and I would like to thank you and your entire staff for making our first Black and White Ball such a success. (Especially Tony, the sound man!) I would also like to thank Mario and Richard, owners of the "CINCH" in S.F. for hosting Sacramento's bus to the parade. Faces, keep those beautiful men dancing! And check out the Wreck Room's busy schedule!

There is an old saying, "Idleness is the terrible burden of having nothing to do." You cannot say that here! Get out and get involved. Remember, the greatest mistake you can make in this life is to continually fear that you'll make one. The only person who never makes mistakes has never done anything.



Laura Post



Muse News

The first Annual West Coast Lesbians' Festival happened, June 5 - 7, in Malibu, California. Put on by veteran producer Lin Daniels and ASL interpreter-turned-producer Marilyn Van Veersen, the WCLF was intimate (200 in attendance), with chilly weather and wonderful interpreters (Judith Lerner, Marilyn Van Veersen, Sharon Allen, Conni Johnson). The 1992 WCLF added a new dimension to west coast festivals — by being overtly lesbian — and set new standards for festivals in general — by

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Next month I'll be writing to you from Broadway — Yes, New York, New York! Exciting plays to see and review for you!

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being very consciously inclusive of women of color (perhaps 30%). Videos (kd lang's "Harvest of 7 Years," "Indigo Girls") ran all day. Dykeshops and meeting spaces were set up by Lesbians of Color, Jewish Lesbians, old Lesbians, and writers; speakers included Barbara Macdonald, Billie Potts, Caryatis Cardea, tova, Terri de la Pena, Elana Dyke-womon, Cynthia Rich, plus performers who shared their gifts from off the stage as well as on.

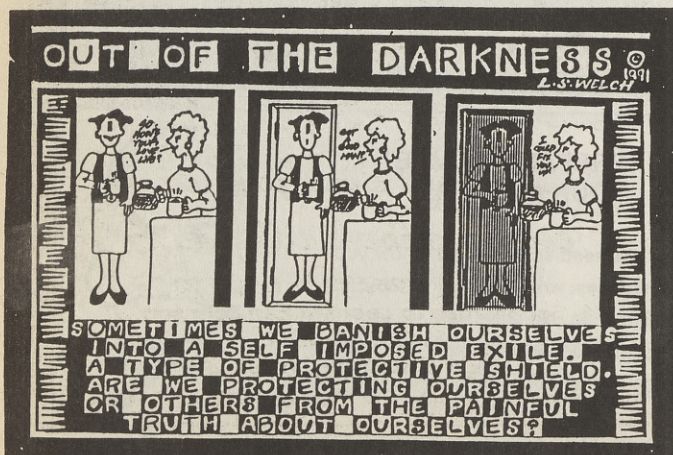
The festival was opened, Friday evening, with an invocation by musician/Dianic Priestess Ruth Barrett and was m.c.ed by The Fabulous Maxine Feldman (Angry Atthis"). [A side note: I wrote, a while back, that Maxine had been struggling with health and financial woes. Many responded generously to her call for help: she received not only the cards and toilet paper that she asked for, but also a MedicAlert bracelet, cat food, etc.).

Melanie DeMore (COME FOLLOW ME) started off, solid and deliberate, with an a capella rendition of "Down By The Riverside," immediately followed by "The Nappy Head Song," which not only emphasized the importance of self-affirmation but brought the lesbians of color to their feet.

Direct, unapologetic Alix Dobkin (YAHOO! AUSTRALIA) played next, doing the country/western "Girls' Night Out," replete with yodels, a dashing interpretation of kd lang's "Big Boned Gal," and a thought-provoking one-two punch of "Some Boys" and the Talking Heads' "The Girls Want To Be With The Girls."

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Big blues belter Lisa Cohen was a surprise entry (her "Trouble in Mind" filled the hall). The electric June and Jean Millington got down, played til midnight, and left us ready for the after-hours DJ or Line Dancing with Maile and Marina. Sue Fink and Rashida Oji added their voices to "Gifts of the Heart."

The Saturdaystage began with a Writers! forum, after which Avotja, dressed in what she termed "Afrodyke chic," wove her captivating singing/storytelling. Mothertongue Feminist Theater Collective (9 old dykes) celebrated their 15th anniversary at last year's NLC and wowed the WCLF crowd with their sassy and on-target humor. Rashida Oji ended the daystage with her raw and energetic music.

On the Saturday Nightstage, Pam Hall did her sultry southern lesbianic stuff: the title track from her debut disc, HONEY ON MY LIPS and other original blues/folk. Comic Monica Palacios was more insistent than funny; Sylvia Kohan, a last-minute addition, sang a Spanish song of love and loss. Leaping Lesbian Sue Fink brought in the Millingtons for her lush "Turning Over," and she did one of her most creative 'on-the-spot' song put-togethers (from audience prompts such as "love an old woman," "don't forget the dog," and cunnilingus in the tent"). The c/w ditty was so sweet that it quickly became a singalong.

The Sundaystage was highlighted by the sensual dance of Arisika Razak, in a duet with friend. Pam and Maggie (whose ON THE EDGE release is due out soon) played from CRAZY FOR YOU ("Home Fires") as well as some newer cuts: "Kitty Song," "Love in Another Time," all gently about relationships. The Allstar Round Robin and Happy Hyder's closing ceremony ended the festival, but not before an auction to help defray the financial losses experienced by the festival producers; Toni Armstrong, Sr. (mom of Hot Wire's editor Toni Jr.) paid \$36 for a copy of Pam Hall's cassette personalized with a nipple print.

Other news: 1992 Summersing, August 2-8: PO Box 2001, Yountville CA 94599 or (707) 944-2420. Since you missed The Wild Hearts (6/21) and Rashida Oji/Mimi Fox (July 25) at the Institute for the Musical Arts, you can still catch IMA's Live Sound Workshop August 9 and June Millington's Hands-on Recording Class August 11-14: PO. Box 253, Bodega CA 94922 or (707) 876-3004. Rejoice with Rashida at the Michigan Womyn's Music Festival, August 11-16: Box 22, Walhalla MI 49458.

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Don't know what it is to be a woman).

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Old queen'

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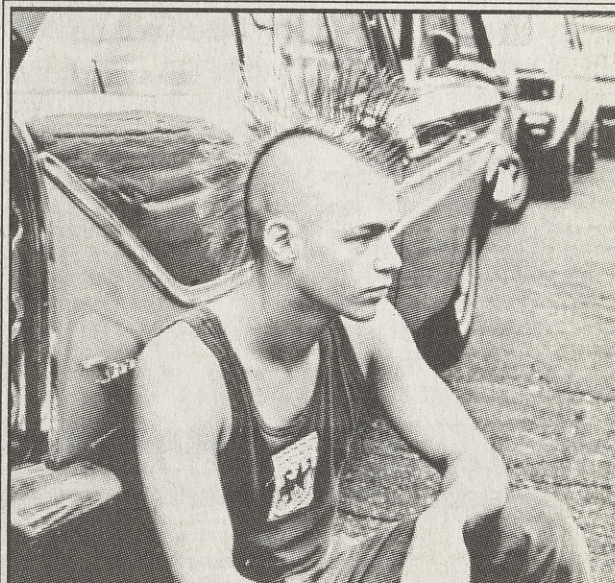
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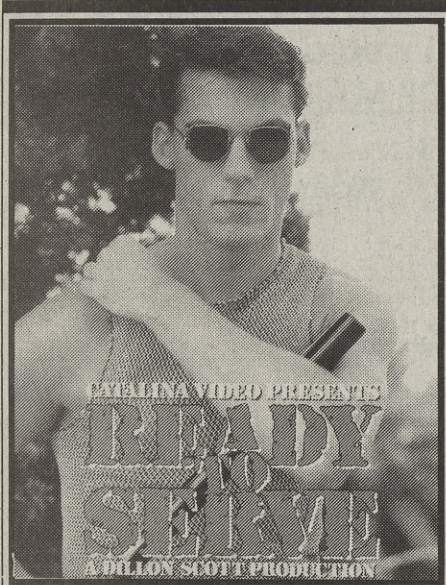


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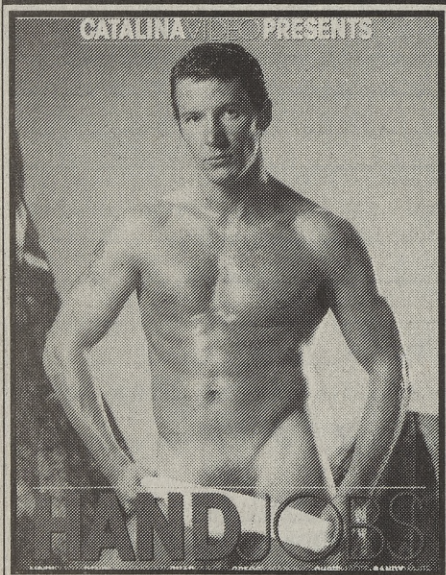
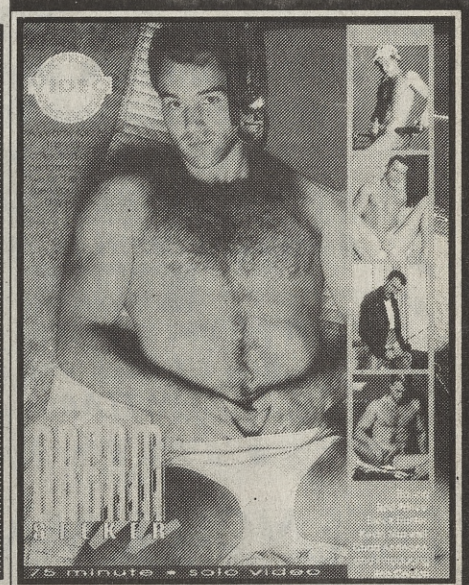
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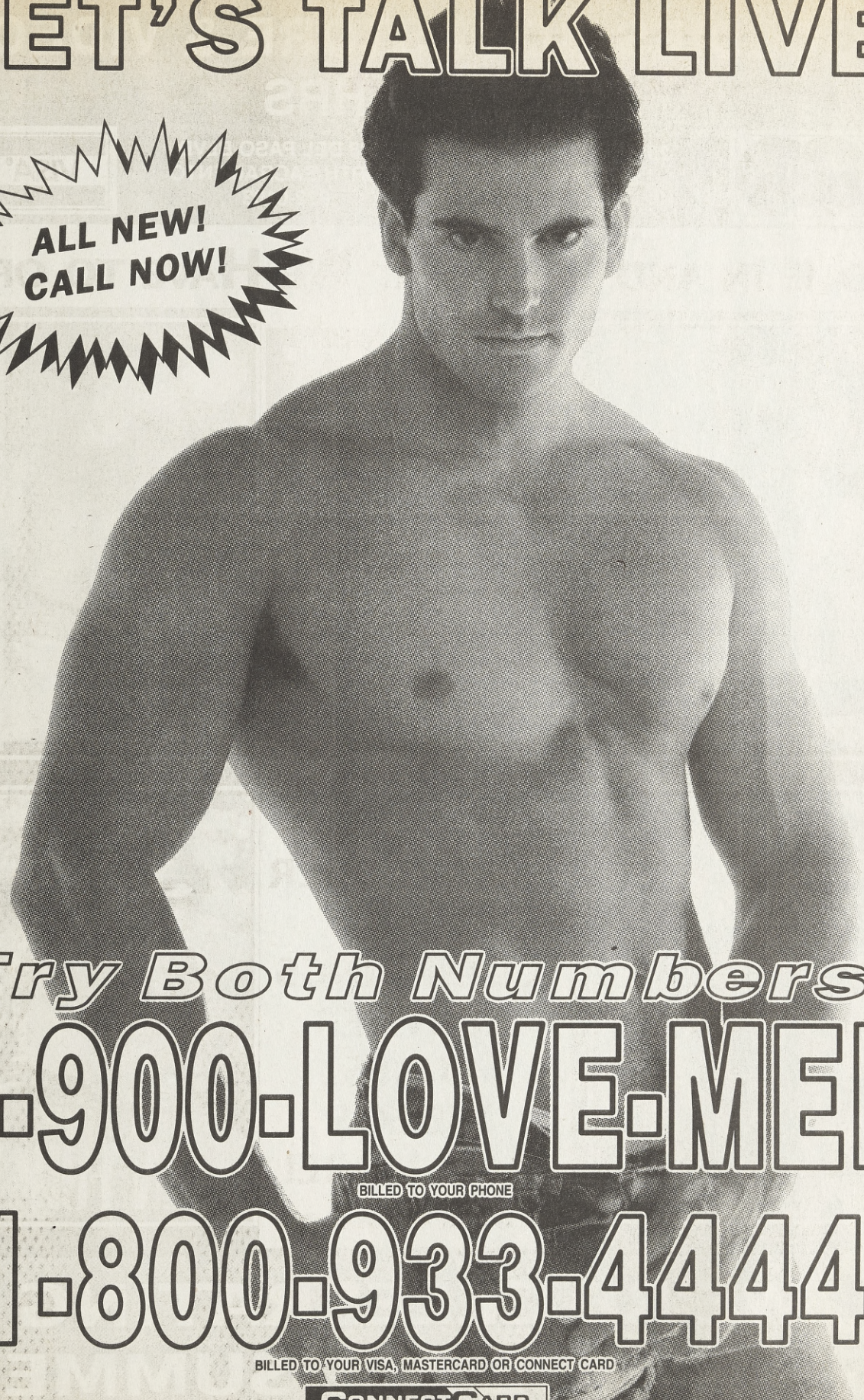
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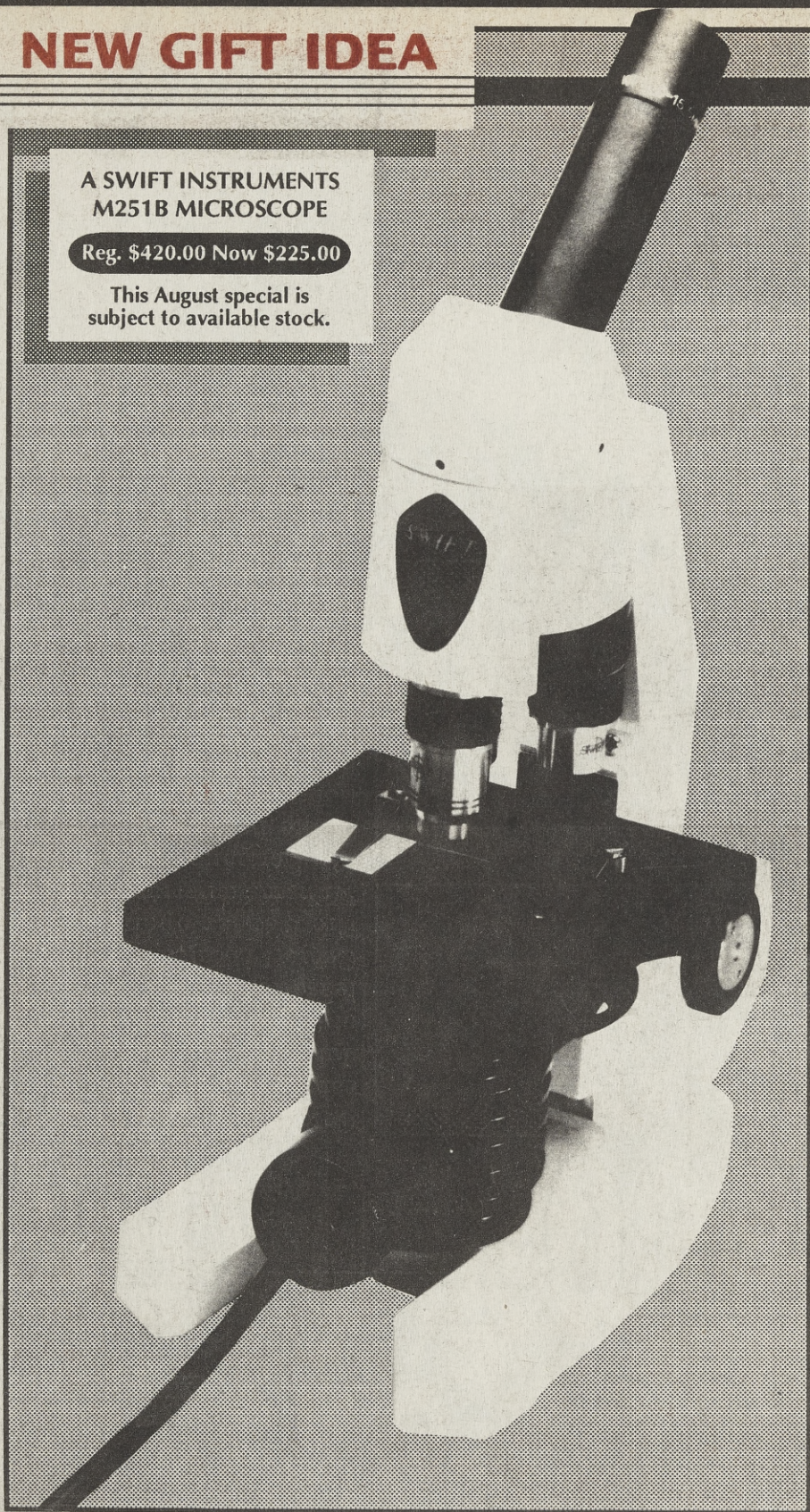
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